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SUBJ: 24TH SESSION COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (CSD)--
PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES FOR THE MEDIUM TERM

1. IN CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF PROGRAM OBJECTIVES IN AFTERNOON SESSION, JAN 20, HOWARD, SECT, EXPANDED ON MORNING'S STATEMENT. TIMING OF THIS REVIEW GOOD. COMMISSION'S VIEWS WILL BE CONSIDERED BY ECOSOC AND ACC. BASIC PROBLEM NOW IS POVERTY. SECT SELECTS PROJECTS CONTRIBUTING MOST TO NATIONAL STRATEGIES. MANY PROJECTS REFER TO GROUPS IN POORER SECTORS, RURAL AREAS, MARGINAL GROUPS. SOCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT ARE BEING PLANNED COOPERATIVELY WITH FAO. IN SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND WELFARE, ATTENTION IS NOW BEING GIVEN TO CONCRETE PROJECTS AND GUIDELINES FOR GOVERNMENTS. CRIME SECTOR NEEDS NO FURTHER ELABORATION. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS, HE STATED THAT IN OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, 196 MAN MONTHS WERE DEVOTED TO BACKSTOPPING. DIVISION PERSONNEL CAN BE SECONDED FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION. HE FURNISHED FOLLOWING STATISTICS FOR PAST CALENDAR YEAR. TOTAL--70 PROJECTS WITH 113 EXPERTS; INSTITUTION BUILDING--77; SOCIAL INTEGRATION AND WELFARE--22; SOCIAL DEFENSE--7; OTHERS--UNIDENTIFIED. FOR SOURCE OF FUNDING, 82 FROM UNDP; 16 UNDER REGULAR PROGRAM; OTHERS FROM EXTRA BUDGETARY SOURCES. HOWARD RECALLED THAT PRIORITIES ARE SET OUT BY ECOSOC; MAJOR CONCERNS ARE IMPROVEMENT OF CONDITIONS OF LIVING; DEALING WITH CONSEQUENCES OF MASS POVERTY. GENERAL ASSEMBLY MANDATES ARE NOT WITHOUT TERMINAL POINTS. ELEMENT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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FLEXIBILITY EXISTS; INTENSIVE WORK CAN BE CARRIED FORWARD IN A

PROGRAM AREA, THEN TERMINATED.

2. MOSAK, DIRECTOR CDPPP, EMPHASIZED MULTI-SECTORAL APPROACHES AND PROVIDED THAT INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS OF ONE COUNTRY HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR OTHER COUNTRIES. CENTER MONITORS TRANSFER FROM HIGH INCOME TO LOW INCOME AREAS AND HAS SPECIAL INTEREST IN LOW INCOME COUNTRIES. CENTER HAS CONCERN FOR SOCIAL EQUITY AND CONTINUOUSLY APPRAISES IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND HOW TO GIVE WEIGHT TO SOCIAL FACTORS. COMPARATIVE STUDIES OF CERTAIN STRATEGIES ARE UNDERWAY INCLUDING HOW TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF PROBLEMS SUCH AS LAGGING AREAS, HOW TO STIMULATE SAVINGS AND FORMULATION OF CAPITAL. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE NEEDED IN THE WHOLE AREA. MANY COUNTRIES UNABLE TO FINANCE NEEDED RESEARCH AND MUST DEPEND ON INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR EFFECTIVE METHODS.

3. UK ASKS, AS A COMMISSION, WHAT ARE WE DEALING WITH? ARE WE DEALING WITH POVERTY OR ALLEVIATING POVERTY? WE SHOULD BE LOOKING AT THE HUMAN FACTOR IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS. IS THERE AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM IN THE SECT THAT DIVIDES WELFARE PROGRAMS FROM DEVELOPMENT? NEED BETTER ADMINISTRATIVE MACHINERY IN SECT.

4. DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. UN SHOULD HELP WITH GUIDELINES ON SOCIAL DATA. AN INSTITUTE ON RESEARCH HAS BEEN PROPOSED IN LA WHERE PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO STATISTICS AND PLANNING.

5. THAILAND SEES NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN WELFARE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

6. EGYPT EMPHASIZES CULTURAL AND SOCIAL COMPONENTS AS ACCEPTED PART OF INTEGRATED PROGRAM. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT DIVISION HAS BEEN STRIPPED OF DEVELOPMENT FUNCTIONS AND REDUCED TO A SOCIAL WELFARE UNIT. CSD SHOULD ASK FOR REVISION OF PRESENT ADMINISTRATIVE SETUP.

7. USSR. REVIEWS MANDATES FROM ECOSOC. COMMISSION IS DEPARTING FROM PRIORITIES SET BY INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. UKRAINE SUPPORTS THIS.

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8. ITALY ASKS HOW GET OUT OF THE DILEMMA OF THESE TWO EMPHASES--SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. SEES PROBLEMS IN SECT ORGANIZATION.

9. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED GIVE PROBLEM FURTHER CONSIDERATION, BE PREPARED TO SPEAK FOLLOWING DAY ON WORK PROGRAM. ASYG SIPIA JOINED THE COMMISSION IN THE AFTERNOON SESSION, BUT DID NOT MAKE STATEMENT. US REP, IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH

MOZAK, CONFIRMED THAT HE WAS RELUCTANT TO HANDLE THE SOCIAL POLICY PHASE OF DEVELOPMENT, HAD IN FACT URGED SIPILA TO FIGHT TO KEEP THAT SECTION.

10. US REP (PICKER) EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO HOWARD AND MOZAK FOR THE DETAILED EXPLANATIONS OF THE PROGRAM OBJECTIVES. SHE FELT IT WAS ESPECIALLY USEFUL TO HEAR FROM MOZAK WHERE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT FITS INTO THE CDPPP OVERALL PLAN. REP SAID SHE UNDERSTOOD OTHER REPS WERE SAYING THAT THE COMMISSION NEEDED A CLEAR FOCUS ON THE PROGRAMS IT WANTED IMPLEMENTED. MEMBERS HAD SAID BOTH EXPLICITLY AND IMPLICITLY THAT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WAS TAKING PRECEDENCE OVER SOCIAL WELFARE AND THIS WAS A REFLECTION OF THE TIMES. SHE SAID SHE FELT MEMBERS ALSO AGREED ON THE CONCEPTS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. MRS. PICKER THEN QUESTIONED THE VALIDITY OF THE UK REMARKS THAT THE COMMISSION'S LACK OF FOCUS WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEM FOR WHICH THE SECT WAS RESPONSIBLE. SHE SAID THE PROBLEM MIGHT ALSO BE WITH THE COMMISSION SINCE THE SECT TAKES ITS MANDATE FROM THE COMMISSION AND OTHER UN BODIES. CONTINUING, US REP ASKED WHY SO MANY RESES WERE PASSED AND SHOULDN'T THE COMMISSION DECIDE ON ITS PRIORITIES AND HAVE FEWER RESES. SHE SAID THAT COMMISSION MEMBERS HAD EXPRESSED TWO DIRECTIONS--SOCIAL WELFARE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. THE US POSITION, SHE SAID, IS THAT SOCIAL WELFARE IS SUBSUMED UNDER SOCIAL WELFARE. SHE ADDED THAT THIS MIGHT BE THE SOLUTION TO THE DILEMMA FACING THE COMMISSION REGARDING SOCIAL WELFARE VS. SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT. SCALI

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